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SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Did the Public Service Commission complain that it was not consulted?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : As I said, in only one case the Commission was not consulted. The hon. Member may kindly refer to G.O. No. 2767, dated 26th October 1958. That was the only instance in which Government did not consult the Commission, as already mentioned by me, and there has been no other such instance.

Press Comments

* 2 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instructions have been issued to the Secretaries to Government and Heads of Departments to take cognizance of the various complaints ventilated through the Press in regard to administrative matters; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : (*a*) No, Sir. But important press comments are scrutinized in the Information Department, and brought to the notice of the department concerned for suitable action.

(*b*) Does not arise.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : What action was taken by the Government when their attention was drawn to certain statements made in the Press alleging so many things against the Government?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The Information Department takes out cuttings of these comments and they are sent to the respective departments as also to the concerned Ministers. Then suitable action is being taken on them.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : In how many instances have Government taken action on such press comments?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The question is far too general and, therefore, if the hon. Member would point out any particular instance and ask what action was taken by the Government on that, then Government will be able to answer it.

SRI K. T. KOSALRAM : டிரக்டர் ஆப் பப்ளிக் இன்ஸ்ட்ராக்ஷன் "முன்னால் இருந்த மந்திரிகளைப் பற்றியோ சர்க்காரைப் பற்றியோ, அவர்களுடைய கொள்கை சரியல்ல, அவர்களுக்குத் தவறான வழியில் அதிகாரிகள் பாதை காட்டிவிட்டார்கள்" என்று சொன்னதாகப் பத்திரிகையில் செய்தி வந்திருக்கிறதே, அது அரசாங்கத்தின் கவனத்திற்கு வந்திருக்கிறதா? வந்திருந்தால், அதன் பேரில் சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள்?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : அதைக் குறித்துத் தனிக் கேள்வி போட்டால், என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்பட்டது என்று சொல்ல முடியும்.